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## Hello

Welcome to March's e-bulletin with all the latest news and updates useful for anyone who administers the Teachers' Pension Scheme.



## Salary tiers and contribution rates for 2016/17

Teachers' Pensions can confirm that salary tiers and contributions rates for 2016/17 will remain the same as those currently used for 2015/16.

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## Annual Allowance update

Following feedback from employer groups on the difficulties in providing service and salary

details in this year’s Annual Return – to clarify we are asking for:

- Employers provide accurate data for the extra five days to 5 April where this is possible; or
- If it’s not possible, for example due to insufficient time to make changes to payroll systems, provide estimated data for the five days (particularly for those high earners who are more likely to be affected by the Annual Allowance).

If this isn’t possible, we’ll calculate and issue the Pension Saving Statements based on the usual Annual Return data to 31 March and make this clear in any Pension Saving Statements issued to members.

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## On the horizon - ASR and EOYC

It’s almost time to start working on the Annual Service Return (ASR) and End of Year Certificate (EOYC).

It’s vitally important we have the correct contact details for your establishment, therefore please ensure you complete the ‘declaration and contact details’ form, which you’ll find in the [Templates Section of the Employer Portal](#).

We’ve provided some reminders and details of dates for you to put in your diaries, along with signposting you to helpful information.

Make sure you also look out for our annual ‘call up’ communication via your inbox on the Employer Portal.

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## Club Transfers from the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS)

We’re aware that the USS is leaving the Public Sector Transfer Club with effect from 1 April 2016. As a result only members who joined the Teachers’ Pension Scheme before 1 April 2016 and subsequently complete a transfer-in from USS within 12 months of first becoming eligible to join Teachers’ Pensions, will be able to transfer-in on a Club basis. Members joining the Scheme on or after 1 April 2016 can transfer-in on a cash equivalent basis, provided the request to proceed with the transfer is made within 12 months of joining the Scheme.

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## Monthly Data Collection (MDC) update

As MDC is available for all employers and with many taking up the opportunity here’s your monthly update on:

- Onboarding
- Update to Guidance Notes
- MDC and the Certificate of Re-employment

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## Keeping you in the know -non-secure email

In the last bulletin we advised that we'd taken the decision to remove the need to contact us via the Employer Portal and we've reverted back to email on Thursday 25 February until improvements could be made. The contact us process via My Pension Online has remained unchanged for members.

We're currently working on these improvements and engaging with stakeholders to ensure a more effective delivery when we re-launch. We're also working on a user guide to provide clearer guidance.

We'll keep you up to date on progress and timescales through the bulletin and news features on our website.

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## Faster Accrual election deadline approaching

This month we've circulated emails to advise those career average members that the deadline to make a Faster Accrual election for next year is approaching (31 March). We've also emailed members who took a previous election to encourage them to re-elect for 2016/17.

As always we can only reach those members who we have email address for so it would be helpful if you could remind those staff who can participate of the key deadlines.

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## Updates on Contractual Enrolment, Auto Enrolment and Auto Re-enrolment

Through various communications with stakeholders we've had a series of queries which we thought we'd update you with:

- Contractual Enrolment when the member has previously opted out
- Contractual Enrolment on commencement of a new contract of employment, when

- the member has previously opted out
- When should an employer issue a new contract of employment
- 3 year re-enrolment rejections and messages generated by Teachers' Pensions

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## Employer Review update

As mentioned in the previous bulletin, we've been reviewing feedback on the End of Year Certificate and how the preferred model will approach this going forward. We've been working directly with stakeholders to gain more in depth knowledge of this process.

We're also preparing a further round of Focus Groups, where we'll be reviewing the preferred model and in particular, administrative functions which previously received mixed feedback.

We're currently working on the proposed draft model, which we'll aim to circulate to employers and provide you with the opportunity to offer feedback.



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## Teachers' Pensions Action Forum (TPAF)

The next Teachers' Pensions Action Forum (TPAF) is 24 May at 'Park Inn, by Radisson' in York, 10am to 3pm. Places are limited to 30 and are filling up fast.

This is a fantastic opportunity to influence the future of Teachers' Pensions as well as networking with other employers to share experiences and ideas.

The theme for the May event is 'Digital'.

Further details of the presentations and planned workshops will be sent to the attendees prior to the event to allow them to research the topic.

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